

Dear Hal,

9/23/97

I use this envelope to be able to return to you the envelope that just came with your letter of 9/20. Despite this damage, and I'm surprised that the stuff still remained in the envelope or that the post office had not placed it inside one of their bags they use for such purposes, from the appearance of the contents I've no reason to believe any of it is missing. However, I'll make a list as I transfer it to a folder to read when I can.

Phila. Inquirer on Ford altering key word.

Oxford Companion on Warren

SF Chron book review on Dereliction of *Duty*.

Orange County to Teach JFK Conspiracies. (*Muttiness personified.*)

SF Chron 8/20 on Castro's Fears After JFK Death.

Wash Times, "JFK's death sparked conspiracy trend."

SF Chron on JFK Assassination Class Dropped, Orange county.

Zippy cartoon.

SF Chron, Judge Denies Bail for James Earl Ray.

NYTimes 8/20, Assassination "made Castro fear for Cuba, Papers Show

Probe 4:6, 9-10/97

Your Dealey Plaza Echo ^{article}

NY Times 8/20, Ray Case Is Delayed by Turf War Between Judges.

The Gun that Didn't Smoke, Lancer

Dr. Robert McClelland in Trauma Room One

The Case of the Disappearing Kuuser.

SF Chron, Clay Shaw's Journal Made Public.

All I've read so far is your interesting letter. KSFO did not call me at all. I sat by the phone with a folder of documents I'd collected to be able to quote and it did not ring once. No bad connection of anything like that. So, they are all like that now. With the end of The Fairness Doctrine. That is what the advertisers and the station owners want.

Connie Kritzberg wrote a simply terrible and horribly incompetent book. Those reporters were utterly lost. I've read the book.

I read the review of the McMasters book. He is nuts.

It is I think ^{largely} because I disagreed with him long ago in what he believes of the damage to JFK's head that Gary Aguilar referred to my being "insulting" at COPA two years ago. I was not insulting but he and so many others regard not believing what they want to believe as insulting. What he and others who begin wanting to believe ^{is} that the back of the head was blown out ^{so} ~~is to~~ ^{they} interpret what may say as meaning what it does not ^{mean}. Where they talk of damage toward the back of the head, for one example, they take that to mean at the back

of the head. What not one has tried to do is create a fake of the Zapruder film to see if that can be done because it is quite clear, the back of the head was not blown out. Some of that impression may be given by the flap of skull being shown in some pictures as sort of blown over onto the back, giving the impression of a hole there when there was none.

The medical panel of the HSCA was like all expert witnesses: they do what they got paid to do. They had to know why they went off the record but it may not be safe to think of one reason only because they could have had other reasons to which we have no clues. In any event, there can be no innocence for it. It knew what it was doing.

You were wise to decline to be with Bill Turner and you will be wise to continue refusing to be on a program with him. He really knows nothing about the subject matter and is without principle. You do not want to be associated with the views he can express.

It was more than Warren's instinct that caused him to decline appointment to begin with. Among the other reasons is that the entire Court took the position he should not be on it, the fact that the Ruby case would get there and history, particularly in the Pearl Harbor case.

I'm sorry you had the disappointment of what on most programs the present situation is. I had enough of them years ago when there were shows that gave the other side, some both sides. It can be disagreeable.

Your missed-shot article is good. If you do it again and have more space you might want to include that the staff knew from the transcripts of the police radio logs and from the newspaper reports they had as well as a Tague FBI report. What I found of most interest in the Brewer interview is that he did not know whether Oswald bought a ticket or not (and that he did not makes no sense at all) and all that he says he did before the cops were there.

I'll read the rest when I can. Many thanks.

Best,

Hal